

# **Easter's Gift**



The holiday we most often associate with gift-giving is Christmas, but the holiday where we celebrate receiving the greatest gift that could ever have been given, is Easter.

The following passage tells us, **5 times in 3 verses** that we have received a free gift from one man, Jesus Christ.

### Romans 5:15-17

But not as the offence, **so also is the (1) free gift.** For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, **and (2) the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ,** hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, **so is (3) the gift:** for the judgment was by one to condemnation, **but the (4) free gift is of many offences unto justification.** For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace **and of the (5) gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)**

What is the free gift? It is eternal life through Jesus Christ.

### Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but **the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### Ephesians 2:8-9

For **by grace are ye saved** through faith; and that not of yourselves: **it is the gift of God**: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Many churches will tell their members that they need to ask Jesus Christ to forgive their sins—and then Jesus will forgive them. That is not Biblical. Jesus has already paid for everyone's sins, past, present, and future because everyone was a sinner when Christ died for us.

### Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

Paul tells us that this free gift came upon all men!

### Romans 5:18

Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so **by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.**

Everyone has been redeemed—had our sins forgiven—by Christ paying for them with His blood.

Ephesians 1:7

**In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;**

Colossians 1:14

**In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:**

Christ died and paid for everyone's sins, but only the people who believe it can receive it.

1 Timothy 4:10

For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in **the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.**

1 Corinthians 1:21

For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching **to save them that believe.**

As soon as a person believes in Christ's death, burial, and resurrection to pay for everyone's sins, he is placed into Christ.

Romans 12:4-5

For as **we have many members in one body**, and all members have not the same office: **So we, being many, are one body in Christ**, and every one members one of another.

Look at how many verses, and these are not all of them, that tell us our forgiveness has already happened.

Ephesians 4:32

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, **even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.**

Colossians 2:13

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;**

Colossians 3:13

Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: **even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.**

Once we believe that Christ saved us, we are sealed until the day of redemption, when Christ will meet us in the clouds of heaven.

Ephesians 1:13-14

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom **also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession**, unto the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 4:30

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Our salvation is permanent! There can be no better gift than that!